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"There's so much good in the worst  
of us, and there's so much bad in the  
best of us, that it doesn't behoove any  
of us to speak ill of the rest of us."

### Must Stop The Paper

At the State Editorial Association at Topeka last week it was learned that the postoffice department at Washington meant just what they said when they issued orders that the publishers of weekly newspapers should not send a paper to anyone after the subscription had lapsed for one year. The department has given publishers plenty of time to get their list in shape and now purpose to enforce the order vigorously. It makes it absolutely imperative, therefore that all publishers of weekly newspapers must stop their papers when the subscribers are delinquent one year, and if they continue to send the paper their right of entry in the mails at the second class rate will be taken away from them—which means that they might just as well shut up shop and quit business. This paper proposes to comply strictly with the regulations of the department and will endeavor each month to notify subscribers whose subscriptions will be one year in arrears during the following month that it will be necessary to have their renewal by that time if they wish the paper continued to their address. If the subscriber cannot or does not care to part with the coin at the time, they may come in and sign a promise to pay at some future time in order to comply with the regulations of the department. We trust our readers will all understand the situation and will do all they can to help us to avoid trouble with the postoffice department.

This matter will have to be adjusted by the first day of April and those who are delinquent at the end of that time will have to be stricken from the mailing lists.

### Democrats Kept Faith

The Kansas Democrats have abundant reason to felicitate their representatives in the state senate for their vote on the initiative and referendum amendments yesterday. Every Democrat voted to redeem his party's pledges. All the glory of betraying their party by breaking its promises goes to the Republicans.

The Democrats even voted right at the expense of party advantage. The Democrats were first to introduce the initiative and referendum resolution. The Republican committee took the measure, changed it slightly and sent it back to the senate as a committee bill in order to rob the minority of the credit for the resolution.

The people of Kansas have demonstrated, a good many times, in the past few years, their proclivity for remembering roll calls on legislative and congressional votes. They are not likely to forget the five Democrats who voted in the senate just as they promised to vote during the campaign.—Kansas City Star.

Do it now! Pick out that town lot. Ellsaesser, Woods & Henry are selling them on the easy payment plan.

The city council passed an ordinance last Friday night reducing the water rate to patrons of the City Water Works, from twenty five cents per thousand gallons to fifteen cents.—Pratt Republican.

### Watch

For the big mule and horse sale at C. D. Gasaway's farm five miles northwest of Liberal. The last of February.

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## SUFFRAGE UP TO THE PEOPLE

### RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR POPULAR VOTE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT UP TO GOVERNOR.

Galleries Filled With Spectators—By Proposed Measure Women Are Allowed Full Rights of Ballot at All Elections.

Topeka, Kan.—The senate passed the bill putting the question of woman suffrage up to the voters of the state. The measure passed was the house resolution providing for an amendment to the constitution and popular vote to determine the matter. The bill was made an emergency measure and considerable discussion was created. Some slight amendment were made to straighten out the legal phraseology and the resolution was adopted, 27 to 12, the necessary two thirds majority.

The resolution as amended was messaged back to the house, and that body, by a vote of 88 to 19, concurred in the senate's amendments. Thus the resolution needs only the governor's signature to complete its legislative history and place it before the people for final decision at the next general election.

The bill was made a special order in the senate at 10:30 in the morning. Before 9 o'clock the women began gathering in the senate chamber to watch proceedings. Some of them found seats and patiently sat waiting for the crucial moment to arrive. Others button-holed senators, supplying them with literature and urging them to support the bill. It was noticeable that several of the senators sought the committee room, where behind locked doors they awaited the sound of the gavel. By 10 o'clock the senate galleries were filled.

The moment the bill was presented Brewster offered an amendment providing that the women's ballots have printed on them the names of the presidential electors. This was adopted.

There followed a discussion as to the legality of the law, in which Judge Price digressed to the extent of defending the judiciary from recent attacks by the press and from the stump.

It must be remembered that a bill and a constitutional amendment are both required before Kansas women can have equal rights. If the constitutional amendment is submitted and then adopted by the people, the women can vote at all state, county, city, bond or other special elections. They now have the right to vote at city and school elections. But if the amendment is adopted the women cannot vote for presidential electors.

If the bill, considered in the senate, becomes a law, the women at the next election may vote for presidential electors at the same time as the men.

### Won't Cut Lieutenant Governor's Pay.

The house killed the bill reducing the salary of the lieutenant governor from \$700 to \$500 a year. The bill had been recommended for passage in the committee of the whole but when it came up for final vote it received the death blow. Democrats and Republicans alike voted against it, holding that the dignity of the office alone entitled the lieutenant governor to more than \$500 a year.

### Bank Robber Bill Passed.

The bank burglary bill has passed the senate under an emergency. It provides that any one who shall break into a building and attempt to open a safe or vault by the use of explosive shall, upon conviction, be sent to the penitentiary for not less than ten nor more than thirty years. The drastic law is the result of the numerous bank burglaries in Kansas during the past three months.

### Plans System of State Highways.

Senator T. A. Milton has introduced a resolution for the repeal of the section of the state constitution which provides that the state shall carry on no work of internal improvements. This proposed amendment to the constitution is intended to open the way for the state to build state roads with convict labor. Senator Milton proposes, if the amendment is adopted, to introduce a bill to build state roads connecting the various state institutions and to be built by state convict labor.

### 1004 Bills in House Hopper.

When the time limit for the introduction of bills in the house arrived, 1004 had been introduced in that body, almost as many as had been introduced last session, when the session adjourned. From now on, appropriation and committee bills may be introduced in the house and they will probably run the total up near 1,100. The senate has not yet fixed a limit for the introduction of bills, but it has no such a list of bills before it as the house has.

### Will Aid Weak School Districts.

The Feder bill providing for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the aid of weak school districts and for a minimum of seven months for every school in the state, was reported favorably by the house committee. Mr. Feder, the author of the bill, is confident that it will pass the house and is also confident that if it passes the house the senate will pass it. This bill is one in which the state superintendent of public instruction is greatly interested.

## BABIES SLAIN FOR INSURANCE.

So Declares Ex-angellist Representative Who Would Regulate Insuring Practices.

The evangelist of the house, Rev. M. B. Williams of Logan county, has prepared and introduced a bill prohibiting the insurance of lives of babies and children. The house killed a bill permitting Kansas fraternal societies from doing this, but foreign companies operating in Kansas have that right and the Williams bill is calculated to cut them out. Rev. Williams says he has known of many cases where the lives of children were insured and they were killed for the insurance money by parents or guardians. He says he also knows of many other cases where he believes this to have been true, but where it was not proven. The bill prohibits the writing of insurance policies on children under 16 years of age. The bill applies to all companies, fraternal and benefit societies, whether foreign or domestic. The penalty is a fine of from \$500 to \$1,000.

### All Fair Bills Up to House.

The house committees are going to take no chances on the state fair propositions. They are not going to be placed in a position where it might be said they fixed the location of the state fair if one is located. There are three state fair bills and the whole bunch was dumped back upon the house without recommendation. The committees want nothing to do with the matter. In effect, it tells the house to fight it out on the floor. The three bills are from Topeka, Wichita and Hutchinson.

### Alack! The Poor Bank Robber.

Senator Cembren of Neosho county would not only send bank robbers to prison for from 10 to 30 years, as was provided by a bill passed by both houses, but he would make them hard to catch by offering a big reward. He has introduced a bill in the senate authorizing the state bank commissioner to offer a reward of \$1,000 for every bank robber in this state, dead or alive. Mr. Cembren, who is a banker, believes this would tend to cut down the number of active bank robbers.

### After the Installment Houses.

D. J. Fair introduced in the house a bill which limits the operation of loan sharks and installment houses, which take assignments of wages and keep hounding laboring men for months. The same bill has been introduced in the Missouri senate by Senator C. M. Casey. The loan sharks and installment house people told Senator Casey that his bill would not accomplish anything, as they would move across the river and could continue their business from Kansas.

### "Pen" for Second Offenders.

The first Republican platform pledge to be redeemed, or partially redeemed, by the house was when the committee of the whole recommended for passage the bill making the second violation of the prohibitory law a penitentiary offense. The bill, as recommended for passage, provides that the second offense against the prohibitory law be punishable by a term in the penitentiary at hard labor of not less than six months nor more than one year.

### Initiative Is Defeated.

The initiative and referendum was defeated in the Kansas senate by a vote of 18 to 21. The proposition was to submit a constitutional amendment providing for the initiative and referendum. The Republican and Democratic state platforms both declared for the measure and the adverse action was unexpected. Five insurgent senators voted against the measure. All Democrats voted for it.

### Would License Express Companies.

If a bill recommended for passage by the house committee of the whole becomes a law the express companies operating in Kansas will be required to pay to the state a license of six percent upon the gross receipts received in Kansas. The present law provides for a similar tax of two percent. However, the Interstate Commerce Commission has held that the gross receipts of an express company is that amount in excess of the amount paid to the railroad company over which it operates.

### Bad Check Bill Killed.

The senate killed the bill to punish the drawing of fraudulent checks on banks, the bill which was introduced by the senate committee on banks and banking. The bill provided a penalty of from one day in jail or one dollar fine to five years' imprisonment and \$5,000 fine. There was considerable sentiment among the senators against the bill. Some consider it too drastic, others not drastic enough and others thought it an unnecessary incumbrance to the statute books.

### To Capture Bank Robbers.

The committee on banks and banking introduced a bill appropriating \$15,000 from the general fund to be used by the bank commissioner the next two years in offering such rewards as in his judgment are necessary for the capture of bank robbers. However, the bank commissioner is restricted to the offering of a reward not to exceed \$1,000 in any single robbery. This bill is the result of a letter suggesting such a plan written by J. N. Dolley.

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Wednesday after second Tuesday of December

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